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EFFORTS BY PROMINENT VENEZUELANS TO ENSURE IMPARTIAL

CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADER

ORLANDO BOSCH

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SOURCE

VENEZUELA, CARACAS (30 SEPTEMBER 1977) FIELD NO. HVC-7761

A VENEZUELAN BUSINESSMAN WITH A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS

WITH VENEZUELAN SECURITY OFFICIALS, HIS RELIABILITY

HAS NOT BEEN STABLISHED, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT

BE DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS OF ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT

INCLUDING THOSE OF VENEZUELA.

1. IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1977 A GROUP OF PROMINENT VENEZUELANS 3
MET WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES P.E.R.E.Z.TO DISCUSS THE
CASE AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADER ORLANDO B.O.S.C.H. WHO IS
CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH THE
6 DCTOBER 1976 BOMBING OF A CUBANA AIRLINER, AND TO SPEAK IN
BOSCH'S BEHALF. WHILE NOT SOLICITING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

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FOR BOSCH, THEY DID ATTEMPT TO IMPRESS UPON THE PRESIDENT THAT
THE CASE SHOULD BE HANDLED UNEMOTIONALLY ON ITS JUDICIAL MERITS.
AS PART OF THEIR ARGUMENT THE GROUP REMINDED PRESIDENT PEREZ
THAT BOSCH AND HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN HELPFUL TO MEMBERS OF THE
DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY(AD) WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN
EXILE IN CUBA.

GENERAL JOSE RAMON MED IN A

IS FULLY AWARE OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF

THE BOSCH CASE, FURTHERMORE, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT MEDINA

IS WORKING WITH THE SUPREME COURT AND OTHER JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

TO EXPEDITE THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOSCH AFFAIR.

- 3. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT INCLUDE ANTONIO D I A Z MARTINEZ, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

 OF PETROVEN; ANTONIO L E I D E N Z, A FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR AND AN AD MEMBER; LUIS A L V A R E Z DOMINGUEZ, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT; AND JOSE V A R G A S, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS,
 - 4, FIELD DISSEM! EMBASSY, FBT AT CARACAS.

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